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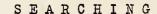
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INTO

RESEARCH

AT BELTSVILLE

With a motorcycle escort, seven busses left the 4-H Camp for the United States Experimental Farm at Beltsville.

The Maryland police patrol met us at the State line and

relieved the Washington policemen who started us on our way. Soon we reached the renowned proving ground of the United States Department of Agriculture, known as the National Agricultural Research Center. The delegates were divided into three groups. The girls were taken to the Bureau of Home Economics laboratories, the State leaders had their meeting at the Lodge, and the boys made the rounds on a general tour with short stops at various places of interest. Mr. W. H. Hunt was our guide and spoke to us from a sound truck so we all could hear. Since the farm covers approximately 14,000 acres, it was easily understood why we had to travel fast and not spend much time at any one place.

Our tour started at the Bureau of Dairy Industry where Mr. O. E. Reed, chief, explained to us what work had been carried on and the results they had received by using proven purebred bulls. In nearly all cases the production had been increased by about 100 pounds of butterfat more from the daughters than from the dams.

Mr. J. H. Zeller and Mr. V. L. Simmons gave us interesting talks on sheep and swine. We heard about the Landrace hogs crossed between English and American bacon-type hogs.

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Our next visit was to the turkey and poultry division. Here we saw the streamlined turkeys with their small bones and much meat. The breeding of white turkeys and management of brooding was discussed very thoroughly.

The next stop was at the horse barns where we saw several breeds of horses. Journeying onward a little further, we glimpsed the dog farm of 50 different kinds of canines.

Our tour closed with a stop at the beef division where experiments are made with dual-purpose cattle. The main objective is to get uniformity in both beef and milk production -- increased milking and butterfat by selective breeding.

After traveling all afternoon, making short visits to the various research laboratories, we were pretty hungry. A delicious meal was served to us at the Lodge, after which we gathered outside to sing a few songs and listen to the evening program. Mr. Logan, the superintendent, gave us a short talk. He explained the set-up of the place and told us the farm has its own water and sewage system.

A few more songs were sung and we departed on our journey back to camp, royally escorted by the police again.

> Harley Cederstrom Minnesota

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MOTORCYCLE ESCORT

REFRESHMENTS, RELAXATION, AND REVELRY

AT BELTSVILLE

The 4-H delegates and leaders were transported to the National Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville, Md., by seven busses. After concluding various tours of the farm, boys, girls, and leaders gathered together for a picnic supper and social hour.

Before supper, everyone was busy taking pictures and making friends. A group of girls from several States enjoyed talking about some of the foods that they have at home. Cornbread was the main subject of the conversation and it seemed that all of them made it differently.

Our Camp Director, Mr. Brigham, led the cafeteria line. The picnic supper consisted of a generous helping of sandwiches, salad, pickles, ice cream and milk (Grade A-100 plus tops). In the course of refreshments,

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each person was given a tag which was used in mixer games during the early part of the evening. Cards were given out and some very clever entertainment resulted -- the 4-H'ers doing the various stunts that the cards called for. Group singing was led by Miss Ella Gardner and as always - greatly enjoyed.

The evening at Beltsville was a big success. Everyone came back to camp, dusty, a little tired, and footsore, but with a feeling that the day had been exceedingly well spent.

Julia Beth Dykes

Alabama

STARS AND STRIPES OVER CAMP

What ceremony could be more appropriate to open the first day of camp than our flag-raising ceremony? As I saw Old Glory hoisted heavenwards a feeling of our tremendous responsibility in these critical times made an indelible impression on me.

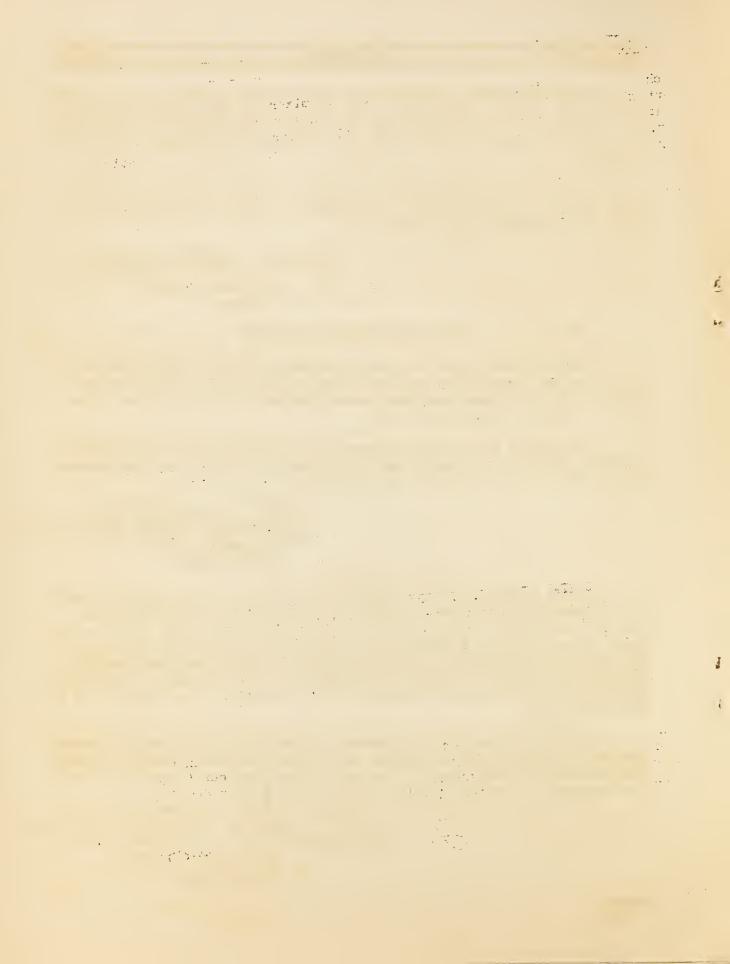
If we keep this mental picture of our glorious flag in our minds, our week should be a valuable one in helping us to bring home that determined spirit that we find here in Washington.

Ronald Anderson Rhode Island

UNDER SECRETARY PAUL H. APPLEBY talked to us in our opening assembly and emphasized the importance of Government officials responding to the will of the people. Those elected by the voters to take part in the activities of our Government always try to respond to the will of the people. For example, a Congressman will always try to find out or know what the people of his State as well as other States wish. He will in turn try to have certain bills passed in Congress if he believes them of benefit to the American people.

He also pointed out that because we are living in a world in which events are taking place so rapidly, we too must speed up in order to keep abreast of the times. Some of the laws of the "horse-and-buggy days" have been changed, to conform with the will of the people.

Luella Larson South Dakota



DISCUSSION

THE KEYNOTE OF DEMOCRACY

The panel discussion led by Mr. J. O. Howard on the Moral Issue of the Present Crisis, on Thursday morning, was the ideal way to begin this week of camping. It started a line of thinking toward the remaining topics of the week.

PALIVAN

It also gave us the opportunity to know what was expected of us as a part of a discussion group. It opened our minds to the fact that we do have great moral responsibilities—that we can do much toward national defense by following good religious and governmental principles.

One of the remarks we have heard most often while mingling with others in camp is how much we appreciate this opportunity to become acquainted with young people from all sections of our country. Frequent comments are made about the variations of speech in different sections, or the fact that Iowa, California, or Kentucky people live differently.

We'll certainly have a better understanding of one another by the end of this week. To me, this is one of the main factors in achieving the national unity we desire and assisting in the defense of our great country.

Morma Kolar Norma Kolar Nebraska

GETTING SETTLED AT CAMP

Down on the floor - up again -- two more to go and it's over.

No, this isn't a description of last Wednesday's boxing match. It's just that pesky problem of getting clothes to stay on these wooden bars in the tents. Anywhere you hang your hat may be home sweet home, but how do you get your hat hung, anyway?

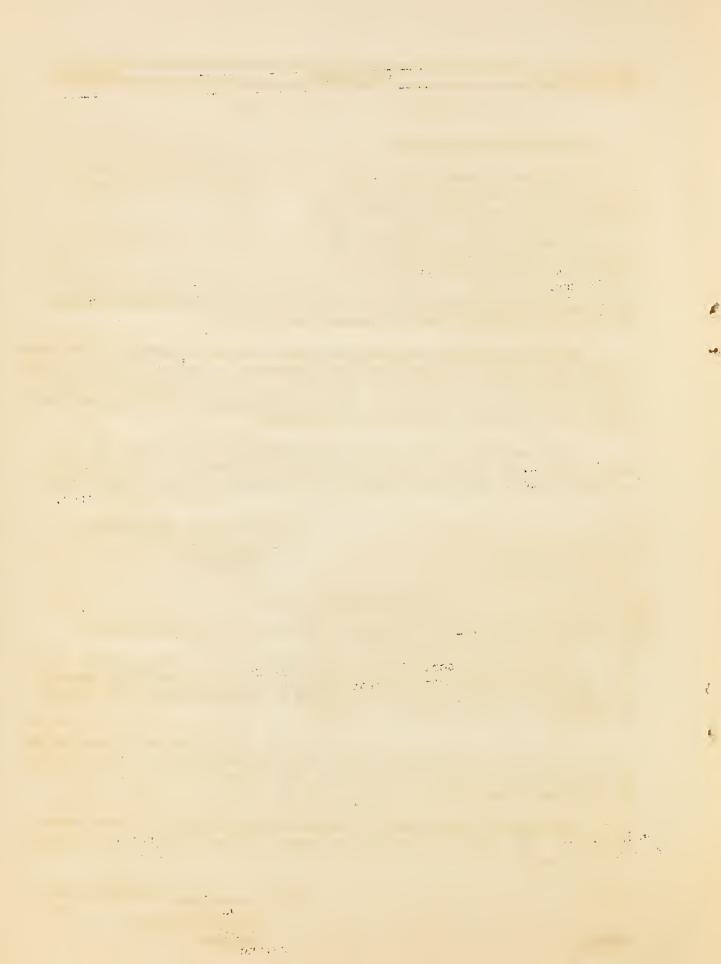
Were there noises on your first night in camp? You can't prove it by me for I was in the unconscious state, from taps to reveille. One delegate on hearing reveille, jumped up and said, "Oh, migosh, I thought it was the Lone Ranger coming on."

Art object of the week for a number of campers was the first letter from home. The sight of it made me so happy I almost broke into an ecstacy of blank verse.

Lucinda Holloway

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Maryland



MY IMPRESSION OF THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House was magnificent, just like everything else in Washington. It was different from what I had expected it to be - it was so much grander. I think the reason I found the White House different was because actually viewing it was so much more impressive than just seeing picture post cards of this historic place.

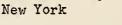
The very moment I started up the steps I felt the solemnity of the occasion. I could easily have spent hours more looking at the huge collection of the china of the Presidents.

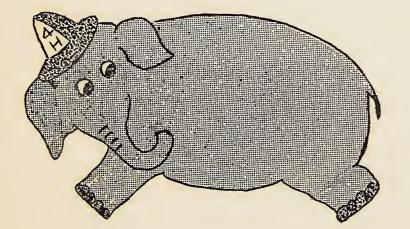
No one could adequately describe the blue, red, and green rooms the way they actually look, so I shall not even try.

It was a marvelous experience to visit the home of our First Family. I only wish I could have spent more time there.

Luella Tooley

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MIDWAY CARNIVAL

On Saturday night, we tired sightseeing delegates took an evening off for foolish fun -- the camp's Midway Carnival. It was a circus carnival conducted by a committee of our leaders.

We threw darts and jar rubbers, bean bags and golf balls. We played football and air soccer and finished the evening with automobile racing.

It was a three-ring circus with green, purple, and orange colors decorating the rings. The ringmaster, Mr. K. W. Ingwalson, dressed in a long-tailed coat, checked vest, and top hat, kept the crowd in an uproar.





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The winners in the purple group were Lester Reuss of Montana and Luella Tooley of New York. The orange-group winners were Clare McGhan of Michigan and Mavis Leavitt of Maine. Charles Ball of Texas and Phyllis Hamilton of Massachusetts won in the orange area.

A slight bit of confusion at the end of the circus caused the selection of a grand champion to be difficult. Instead of awarding one single grand prize, every participant received a cup of ice cream and a red, white, and blue balloon.

After the lions, tigers, and other circus menagerites were put away, the people all drifted to the piano and ended with the true carnival spirit of group singing.

Ruth Childress Louisiana.

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